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Saskatoon Eastview By-Election - June 24, 1998

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Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Honourable Speaker:

Pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996*, I am honoured to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the by-election held on June 24, 1998, in the provincial constituency of Saskatoon Eastview.

The Report presents by-election financial activities by registered political party and candidate. This Report also provides an overview of election administration and official voting results by polling division. Also included is summary data for election related expenditures of Elections Saskatchewan.

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Call of By-Election

Pursuant to subsection 35(b) of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, Mr. Bob Pringle, New Democratic Party, Sask. Section, vacated his seat in the constituency of Saskatoon Eastview on April 8, 1998. On May 25, 1998, pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Ms. Joyce O'Keeffe, constituency returning officer. The Writ ordered that the by-election be held on Wednesday, June 24, 1998. An Election Calendar for the Saskatoon Eastview by-election is included on the last page of the Official Report.

Prior to the June 24, 1998 by-election, standing in the Legislative Assembly included: 40 New Democrat, 8 Saskatchewan Party, 6 Liberal, 3 Independent and 1 vacant.

Constituency Boundaries

The Saskatoon Eastview constituency boundary was enacted in 1994 under *The Representation Act, 1994*, on the recommendation of the Constituency Boundaries Commission, 1993, as established under *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*. Polling divisions for purposes of the Saskatoon Eastview by-election included forty-eight (48) regular polls and seven (7) personal care facilities. The Saskatoon Eastview polling subdivision map and Directory of Communities are set out in Appendices I and V, respectively.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Nomination

At the time of the Saskatoon Eastview by-election, the Office recognized the existence of five (5) political parties in the Register of Political Parties, as maintained pursuant to section 231 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"). On June 8, 1998, nomination of candidates concluded. At close of nomination, only three (3) of the Province's registered political parties nominated candidates, as follows:

Candidate	Registered Political Party[1]	Abbreviation
Judy Junor	New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)
Jim Melenchuk	Saskatchewan Liberal Association	Liberal
Francis J. Kreiser	The Saskatchewan Party	The Saskatchewan Party

Each of the registered political parties' chief official agents and candidate business managers for the by-election were as follows:

Registered Political Party	Chief Official Agent
New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	Rodney Dickinson
Saskatchewan Liberal Association	F. William Johnson
The Saskatchewan Party	Donald Morgan

[1] The following Saskatoon Eastview By-Election Appendices abbreviate the names of the Province's registered political parties as follows: New Democratic Party, Sask. Section - N.D.P.; Saskatchewan Liberal Association - L.; The Saskatchewan Party - Sask.

Candidate	Business Manager
Judy Junor (N.D.P.)	William N. Macza
Jim Melenchuk (L.)	Ron Bergeron
Francis J. Kreiser (Sask.)	Paul Kehrig

Enumeration

From the 25th of May through to the 3rd of June, enumeration of eligible electors was conducted for the constituency's fifty-five (55) polling divisions. Pursuant to section 26 of the Act, constituency enumerators sat on June 20, 1998 to make necessary revisions to the voters' lists. As a result of these efforts, 12,455 Saskatoon Eastview residents were declared eligible to vote, as established on the revised voters' list. In addition, pursuant to section 68 of the Act, eligible electors not included on the revised voters' list were entitled to vote by declaration.

Polling

To facilitate the electorate's participation in the Saskatoon Eastview by-election, an advance poll was conducted on the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 22nd of June. Regular polling stations were open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST on June 24, 1998, enabling the constituency's 12,455 eligible voters the opportunity to exercise their democratic franchise. Eligible voters unable to attend either a regular or advance poll were entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

Electoral Results

Unofficial electoral results were announced on the evening of June 24, 1998, resulting in Ms. Judy Junor, New Democrat, being declared member elect. The Saskatchewan Party candidate forfeited his deposit, pursuant to section 47 of the Act, for not obtaining at least one half of the total number of valid votes cast for the candidate elected.

On July 6, 1998, the constituency returning officer tabulated the results of votes cast by way of advance poll and absentee ballot. These figures were then reflected in the constituency results concluding the final count. Upon completion of the final count, on July 17, 1998, the constituency returning officer made a Return to the Writ of Election. On August 6, 1999, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 95, No. 31) notice of receipt of the Return to the Writ and the name of the candidate elected.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Financial Reporting

Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-524, were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer within six (6) months of polling day (December 25, 1998). Under section 261 of the Act, candidates were required to file an audited Candidate's Return of Election Expenses,

Form E-412, with the constituency returning officer, for subsequent forwarding to the Chief Electoral Officer, within three (3) months of the candidate returned being declared elected (October 7, 1998). Pursuant to the Act, the constituency returning officer published, in prescribed form, a summary of all returns respecting candidate election expenses prior to November 6, 1998.

i) Registered Political Parties

As a southern constituency, the maximum amount of money that could be spent by a registered political party in the Saskatoon Eastview by-election, as set out in section 243 of the Act, was (a) the sum of $32,986.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of voters in the constituency (12,455) by $2.63, whichever sum was larger. A registered political party that endorsed a candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in the by-election and whose chief official agent filed a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses,[2] pursuant to section 264 of the Act, was entitled to receive a reimbursement of a portion of its election expenses from the Province's General Revenue Fund. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying political party was the lesser of either (a) $10,995.34 or (b) one third of its election expenses.

All participating parties in the Saskatoon Eastview by-election filed their duly audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses on or before December 25, 1998. Contributions made to political parties are not listed in the Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses but are set out in each party's fiscal period return, filed in accordance with section 250 of the Act. Appendix II sets out a summary of eligible expenses incurred by the registered political parties in Saskatoon Eastview and the amounts paid in respect of each party who qualified for reimbursement.

ii) Candidates

Candidates seeking election in Saskatoon Eastview were limited in the amount of money that they could expend. Again, as a southern constituency, a candidate seeking election was entitled to spend, pursuant to section 252 of the Act, either (a) the sum of $39,584.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of eligible voters in the constituency by $2.63, whichever sum was larger. A candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in Saskatoon Eastview and whose business manager filed with the constituency returning officer a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses,[3] pursuant to section 265 of the Act, was entitled to reimbursement of a portion of their eligible election expenses. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying candidate was an amount equal to one half of the candidate's election expenses to a maximum of $19,792.00.

All candidates filed their returns respecting contributions received and election expenses incurred in the course of the by-election, duly audited, on or before October 7, 1998. On the 12th of February, 1999, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 95, No. 6) a summary of candidate contributions received and expenditures incurred in Saskatoon Eastview, as well as the amounts paid in respect of each candidate who qualified for reimbursement. Such contributions, expenditures and reimbursements are reported in Appendix III.

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[2] Pursuant to subsection 267(3) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $2,026.00.

[3] Pursuant to subsection 267(6) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $658.00.

Elections Saskatchewan Expenditures

The total cost of conducting the June 24, 1998 by-election in Saskatoon Eastview was $134,447.91. This figure is inclusive of, and reported by, administrative and constituency expenditure. See Appendix IV for an itemization of particular expenditures incurred in each of these two categories. Should further constituency expenditure specifics be required, refer to the Detail of Expenditures *The Election Act, 1996* Provincial Constituencies Fiscal Year 1998-1999, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on December 17, 1999.

Documentation

Pursuant to section 232 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is obliged to hold, in addition to the information contained in the Register of Political Parties, all original financial particulars concerning registered political parties' fiscal period and election expenses documentation for the purposes of public inspection. Also held are the returns and the original financial documentation regarding individual candidate election expenses, pursuant to section 262 of the Act. Such information is available for public inspection during regular office hours at Elections Saskatchewan.

Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Writ of Election:				-34 May 21	-33 May 22	-32 May 23
Minimum Writ Period: (28 days) The minimum number of days between issue of the Writ of Election and Nomination Day is 11 clear days. (The date fixed for issuing the Writ of Election and the date fixed for Nomination Day are to be excluded (clause 31(3)(b) and subsection (4)).						
Maximum Writ Period: (34 days) The maximum number of days between issue of the Writ of Election and Nomination Day is 17 clear days. (The date fixed for issuing the Writ of Election and the date fixed for Nomination Day are to be excluded (clause 31(3)(b) and subsection (4)).						
-31 May 24	-30 May 25 **WRIT ISSUES** Date of issue of Writ of Election Commence accepting nomination of candidates Enumeration Schools s. 31(2), (3)(b); s. 44	-29 May 26	-28 May 27 Print election Proclamation	-27 May 28 Enumeration	-26 May 29 Begin monitoring each enumerator's progress	-25 May 30
-24 May 31 Check completed F 200A and begin data entry of preliminary voters' lists	-23 June 1 Last day to post election Proclamation • Returning Officer's Office • Post Offices in constituency s. 34(3)	-22 June 2 Photocopy secondary voters lists (E 700) to be distributed to each candidate as available	-21 June 3 Enumeration completed Telephone C.E.O. with number of names enumerated	-20 June 4	-19 June 5 Commence selection of voters to act as deputy returning officers, poll clerks and alternates	-18 June 6
-17 June 7 Reproduction of secondary Voters' Lists completed Forward 3 copies (5 copies - Northern constituencies) of each polling division list to enumerator; 10 copies including disk copy to known candidates; 5 copies to C.E.O. s. 25(1)(a), (b); s. 139(5)	-16 June 8 **NOMINATION DAY** Facsimile/Telephone C.E.O. re candidates • Furnish to Candidates list of candidates and enumerators s. 31(3)(b) s. 35(3); s. 44(1); s. 51(1)	-15 June 9 Arrange for publication of candidates nominated Arrange for printing of ballots s. 36; s. 51(2)	-14 June 10 Secondary Voters' Lists, including list of enumerators, to be publicly displayed in the head office of (rural - each municipality in the constituency or urban - the municipality in which the constituency is situated) and in the constituency Returning Officer's Office (approximately sixteen (16) days before election day) • Commence accepting revisions to the secondary Voters' Lists s. 25(1)(b)	-13 June 11	-12 June 12 Last day to receive Absentee Voter Applications s. 87(3)	-11 June 13 Furnish to deputy returning officers (advance and regular polls) and candidates list of absentee voters to whom ballot paper was forwarded s. 88(3), (5)
-10 June 14 D.R.O. Schools	-9 June 15	-8 June 16 Election officials and campaign workers should be encouraged to vote at advance poll Last day for applicant voter to receive absentee ballot paper and related materials, if mailed s. 88(2)(b)	-7 June 17 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** Last day for applicant voter to receive absentee ballot paper and related materials, if delivered s. 88(2)(a); s. 132(a)	-6 June 18 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 132(a)	-5 June 19 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 132(a)	-4 June 20 **ADVANCE POLL** **12 noon - 7 p.m. C.S.T.** **REVISION DAY** **2 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 28; s. 132(a)
-3 June 21 Prepare to receive enumerators' expense claims	-2 June 22 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** Deadline for enumerator to deliver official Voters' List to deputy returning officer s. 28(3); s. 132(a)	-1 June 23 Receive advance poll voter information and forward to applicable deputy returning officers	0 June 24 **ELECTION DAY** **9 a.m. - 8 p.m. C.S.T.** Ensure arrangements for the display and tabulation of unofficial results Facsimile/Telephone results of election to C.E.O. s. 82	+1 June 25 Ensure all ballot boxes and election materials are received from deputy returning officers	+2 June 26 Prepare to receive deputy returning officers', poll clerks' etc. expense claims	+3 June 27
+4 June 28	+5 June 29 Last day for forwarding Imprest Account and related financial materials to C.E.O.	+6 June 30	+7 July 1 ***CANADA DAY***	+8 July 2	+9 July 3	+10 July 4 12 noon deadline for receipt of absentee voter certificate envelopes (postmarked not later than 8 p.m. on election day) s. 89(5)(b), (c)
+11 July 5	+12 July 6 **FINAL COUNT** by Returning Officer s. 31(3)(e); s. 145	+13 July 7	+14 July 8 Collection of ballot boxes and election materials by C.E.O. • Vacate office space	+15 July 9	+16 July 10 Last day to request a recount or an addition 158(2)(c)	+17 July 11
+18 July 12	+19 July 13	+20 July 14	+21 July 15	+22 July 16	+23 July 17 **RETURN TO THE WRIT** Forward election Return and other documents to C.E.O. s. 31(3)(f); s. 171	July 18

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Vote Summary by Constituency Polling Division: Saskatoon Eastview

Appendix I

Poll No.	Polling Location Name	Eligible Voters	Votes Cast For: Jim Melenchuk L.	Judy Junor N.D.P.	Francis J. Kreiser Sask.	Ballots: Total Counted	Ballots: Rejected
1	Circle Drive Special Care Home	134	27	32	31	90	1
2	Georges Vanier School	281	39	57	18	114	-
3	St. Thomas School	209	21	47	15	83	1
4	St. Thomas School	235	41	46	26	113	-
5	St. Thomas School	227	29	65	20	114	-
6	Prince Philip School	260	33	58	33	124	1
7	Prince Philip School	294	65	50	29	144	-
8	Hugh Cairns V. C. School	305	35	51	14	100	-
9	Hugh Cairns V. C. School	240	51	42	16	109	1
10	Hugh Cairns V. C. School	316	50	73	17	140	-
11	Georges Vanier School	254	53	63	29	145	-
12	John Lake School	236	30	46	18	94	-
13	John Lake School	249	35	54	10	99	-
14	John Lake School	255	20	49	7	76	-
15	John Lake School	212	20	57	17	94	-
16	Georges Vanier School	265	31	62	24	117	-
17	Georges Vanier School	245	33	46	25	104	-
18	Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship	267	39	64	16	119	-
19	Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship	242	31	65	16	112	1
20	Hugh Cairns V. C. School	243	34	49	30	113	-
21	Prince Philip School	218	39	31	27	97	-
22	Prince Philip School	243	35	47	38	120	-
23	St. Thomas School	217	28	44	34	106	-
24	Alvin Buckwold School	208	53	49	27	129	-
25	St. Thomas School	326	42	70	43	155	1
26	Alvin Buckwold School	255	52	51	28	131	-
27	Alvin Buckwold School	240	39	69	30	138	-
28	Alvin Buckwold School	255	45	76	24	145	1
29	Alvin Buckwold School	220	33	47	33	113	-
30	St. James School	195	40	29	22	91	-
31	Prince Philip School	253	46	65	23	134	-
32	Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship	273	39	38	27	104	-
33	Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship	266	40	71	32	143	-
34	St. Philip School	271	35	76	25	136	1
35	St. Philip School	276	51	59	27	137	-
36	St. Philip School	221	28	45	26	99	-
37	St. Philip School	259	34	45	34	113	1
38	St. Philip School	275	48	47	28	123	-
39	St. James School	225	66	48	19	133	-
40	St. James School	257	38	42	38	118	1
41	St. James School	248	34	62	33	129	1
42	Holy Cross High School	252	82	66	17	165	-
43	Eamer Court	216	41	71	11	123	-
44	Ilarion Residence	262	80	80	23	183	-
45	Scott-Forget Towers	255	69	90	13	172	-
46	St. Ann's Senior Citizens' Village	337	127	59	14	200	-
47	Holy Cross High School	233	52	53	20	125	-
48	St. Volodymyr Villa	266	86	74	20	180	2
	Circle Drive Special Care Home	49	-	3	-	3	-
	Saskatoon Veteran's Home	47	2	5	2	9	1
	Extendicare Preston	81	8	6	2	16	3
	Kinsmen Elmwood Lodge	49	5	4	6	15	18
	Salvation Army Eventide Home	58	2	8	2	12	-
	St. Ann's Senior Citizens' Village	80	23	10	1	34	3
	Stensrud Lodge	100	5	6	2	13	-
	Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship Advance		120	173	75	368	3
	Absentee Ballots		3	9	4	16	2
	Totals	12,455	2,287	2,904	1,241	6,432	43
	Candidate Elected - Judy Junor						
	Plurality	617					
	% Who Voted	51.99%					
	% By Party		35.56%	45.15%	19.29%		

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Constituency of Saskatoon Eastview

+ PERSONAL CARE FACILITY POLL(S)

CIRCLE DRIVE SPECIAL CARE HOME, SASKATOON
EXTENDICARE PRESTON, SASKATOON
KINSMEN ELMWOOD LODGE, SASKATOON
SALVATION ARMY EVENTIDE HOME, SASKATOON
SASKATOON VETERAN'S HOME, SASKATOON
ST. ANN'S SENIOR CITIZENS VILLAGE, SASKATOON
STENSRUD LODGE, SASKATOON

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Summary of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises	Advertising
Liberal	32,986.00	27.92	–	–
New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)	32,986.00	–	–	–
The Saskatchewan Party	32,986.00	–	–	–
Totals	98,958.00	27.92	–	–

(a) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.

Appendix II

Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(a)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
1,320.00	–	–	–	1,347.92	449.31
43.68	–	2,303.54	–	2,347.22	782.40
–	–	–	–	–	–
1,363.68	–	2,303.54	–	3,695.14	1,231.71

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Summary of Contributions Received, Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Candidates and Business Managers

Candidate	Contributions Received	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Candidate's Personal Expenses(a)	Candidate's Campaign Expenses	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises
Saskatoon Eastview						
(Eligible Voters - 12,455)						
Jim Melenchuk (L.)	39,010.02	39,584.00	195.00	–	1,000.39	2,525.00
Judy Junor (N.D.P.)	40,135.98	39,584.00	–	–	275.95	1,075.70
Francis J. Kreiser (Sask.)	13,145.95	39,584.00	–	–	589.04	949.50
Totals	92,291.95	118,752.00	195.00	–	1,865.38	4,550.20

(a) Candidate's personal expenses are not included in the total of expenses.
(b) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.

Advertising	Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(b)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
10,240.59	16,169.63	8,157.12	–	–	38,092.73	19,046.37
4,327.55	16,268.29	16,551.91	–	–	38,499.40	19,249.70
–	1,299.28	9,552.28	–	1,036.16	13,426.26	6,713.13
14,568.14	33,737.20	34,261.31	–	1,036.16	90,018.39	45,009.20

By-Election: Constituency of Saskatoon Eastview

I. Elections Saskatchewan	
A) Administration	
(i) Casual Salaries	$ 1,072.75
(ii) General Contractual Services	2,346.79
(iii) Information Technology	1,278.50
(iv) Telephones	123.44
(v) Advertising	21,403.64
(vi) Printing/Duplicating	3,686.47
(vii) Travel/Business	2,054.07
(viii) Transportation	548.56
B) Registered Political Parties	
(i) Reimbursement of Registered Political Parties' Election Expenses	1,231.71
(ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees	555.06
Elections Saskatchewan Expenditure	$34,300.99
II. Constituency	
A) Election Officials	
(i) Returning Officer	$ 4,340.00
(ii) Election Clerk	3,000.00
(iii) Enumerators	12,486.60
(iv) Polls (Officials/Rental of Space)	22,875.00
B) Administration	
(i) General Contractual Services	2,754.46
(ii) Rent of Ground/Buildings/Office Space	2,400.00
(iii) Rent of Office Equipment	264.42
(iv) Telephones	549.80
(v) Miscellaneous Materials/Supplies	6.92
(vi) Postal/Courier/Freight	42.64
(vii) Advertising	1,079.00
(viii) Printing/Duplicating (Ballots/Proclamation/Voters' List)	3,203.39
(ix) Travel/Business	125.91
C) Candidates	
(i) Reimbursement of Candidates' Election Expenses	45,009.20
(ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees	1,983.00
(iii) Interest	26.58
Constituencies Expenditure	$100,146.92
Total By-Election Expenditures	**$134,447.91**

Eligible Voters 12,455
Cost Per Voter $10.79 (10.794693)

Community	
Saskatoon	City